



An Unusual Toilet Stool Shaped Like A Stack Of Books, Early 20th Century



750 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Painted wood

Length : 45 cm

Width : 35 cm

Height : 49 cm

Description

A charming and unusual decorative piece dating from the early 20th century, shaped like a stack of four imposing bound books. Both decorative and functional, it reflects the taste for secret-compartment furniture and illusionist designs that were highly popular in bourgeois interiors. The front realistically replicates the spines of richly bound books, adorned with gilt metal clasps and half-titles, while the sides are covered with an elegant marbled paper reminiscent of the endpapers of antique bindings. The top panel imitates a large folio covered with green leather-like paper embossed with gold motifs. Lifting this hinged panel reveals a carefully arranged interior that highlights its primary function as a parlor commode. A side compartment, complete with a lid, was designed

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to hold the accessories necessary for its use. The piece rests on an elegant turned beech base, which lends lightness and refinement to this creation that is as practical as it is whimsical. Today, this piece can be used for its original purpose or repurposed as a side table, stool, serving cart, storage chest, or small step stool--in any case, it serves as a remarkable conversation piece that is sure to catch the eye. A rare and charming curiosity, ideal for a library, a cabinet of curiosities, or the home of a collector of unusual furniture. Period: early 20th century. Dimensions: Height: 49 cm Width: 45.5 cm Depth: 35.5 cm Condition: In good overall condition, with a beautiful patina and some signs of wear consistent with its age. The interior is clean and complete. We deliver and ship worldwide. Please contact us for a personalized quote.